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MRC INSTALLS ENERGY-SAVING EQUIPMENT

JACKSON, Miss. – With the assistance of the Mississippi Development Authority's (MDA) Energy Division, the Mississippi River Corporation (MRC) will be able to reduce energy costs at their facility in Natchez, MS.

MRC recently installed three heat exchangers at the facility, which recycles paper. The equipment was purchased with an Energy Investment Loan through MDA's Energy Division. The program provides low interest loans to commercial and industrial concerns to upgrade or retrofit energy-saving equipment. The new heat exchangers will save MRC \$1,800 per day in energy costs.

On Friday, October 19, 2001, representatives from MRC, MDA and local officials will be touring the facility to see the new equipment in action.

For more information about the Energy Division and its programs, contact MDA at (601) 359-6600 or visit them on the World Wide Web at www.mississippi.org.